

# Arts in the Parks

## Falls of the Ohio State Park Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2984.htm>

### Key Messages/Stories:

- Established in 1990, Falls of the Ohio State Park is the smallest Indiana State Park, with only 165 acres of land. While small, the park has a 16,000-square-foot Interpretive Center presenting immersive exhibits that tell the story of the natural and cultural history of the area. The park also features a representation of the George Rogers Clark home site, where General Clark lived from 1803 to 1809 and where his brother William and Meriwether Lewis together began the first leg of the Corps of Discovery.
- The Falls of the Ohio State Park lies along the north side of the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky falls within the National Wildlife Conservation Area, which includes 1,404 acres of federally protected land and water. The Falls boasts 270 species of birds that visit the area every year, 125 species of fish have been identified in the river bordering the park and a variety of mammals call the urban oasis that is the Falls of the Ohio home.

### Top Five Things to Do:

- Visit the newly renovated Interpretive Center, containing 3,000 square feet of immersive exhibits
- Hike the 390-million year old Fossil Beds
- Visit the George Rogers Clark home site
- Bring a picnic and witness amazing sunsets
- Enjoy a variety of gardens

**Lodging:** There are three hotels located within a mile of the park:

- Clarion Conference Center: 505 Marriott Drive Clarksville IN 47129
- Fairfield Inn and Suites Louisville N: 619 N Shore Drive Jeffersonville IN 47130
- Sheraton Louisville Riverside: 700 W. Riverside Drive Jeffersonville IN 47130

**General visitor profile:** day-users for picnics and walking; visiting the Interpretive Center; school groups in spring through fall; scout and other groups for volunteer service

### Potential arts venues:

- Interpretive Center:
  - 100 seat auditorium, within the Interpretive Center, that should be wired with a projector for presentations or films
  - 630 square foot River observation room with a 180 degree panoramic view of the fossil beds
- A variety of outdoor areas able to be used for public art
- George Rogers Clark home site picnic shelter has no fixed seating, electricity or stage.

**Visitation in FY2014:** 400,000

**Nearby Communities:** New Albany, Clarksville, Jeffersonville, and Louisville KY



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